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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 3760

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY THOMAS FROM ENDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: SECURE PHONE FOR EMBASSY OTTAWA

1. PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL IN CANADA IN FEBRUARY I RAISED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SECURE PHONE (KY-3) NETWORK BETWEEN OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON. INITIALLY, IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE EXCESSIVELY EXPENSIVE. LOOKING FURTHER INTO THE MATTER, OC CAME UP WITH A MODIFICATION WHICH REDUCED COSTS CONSIDERABLY AND WAS APPROVED BY EUR. AFTER MANY MONTHS OF WAITING, I AM TOLD THAT THE INSTALLATION IS SOME FOUR MONTHS AWAY AT THE EARLIEST. THE EXPLANATION FOR THE DELAY APPEARS TO BE THE UNAVAILABILITY OF TECHNICIANS.
2. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT COMPROMISE OF OUR UNAVOIDABLE OPEN PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH WASHINGTON AGENCIES. THE SOVIET EMBASSY SITS RIGHT ASTRIDE THE MICROWAVE LINK TO THE STATES, AND OF COURSE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CAN PICK UP OUR CONVERSATIONS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.
3. COULD YOU INTERVENT PERSONALLY IN THIS MATTER?
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